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SUBJECT: KENYA-UGANDA OIL MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. KENYA AND UGANDA ON JANUARY 15 DESPATCHED JOINT DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR TALKS ON CRUDE OIL SALES AND PRICING FOR EAST AFRICA. CO-LEADERS OF 8-MAN TEAM ARE KENYA'S MINISTER FOR POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS, I. OMOLO OKERO, AND UGANDA'S ACTING MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION, JOAB OBBO. OKERO SAID ON DEPARTURE THE MISSION IS TO FOLLOW UP PRES. AMIN'S OIL DISCUSSIONS DURING RECENT SAUDI VISIT AND QTE TO ATTEMPT TO TIE UP CERTAIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF OIL DIRECTLY TO KENYA AND UGANDA FROM SAUDI ARABIA. UNQTE. ALSO SAID TALKS WOULD AIM AT ENSURING OIL SUPPLIES WOULD CONTINUE AT PRICES EAST AFRICA COULD AFFORD.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMED TO US LAST WEEK THAT GOK FON MIN MUNGAI, THEN IN NEW YORK ON OTHER BUSINESS, WOULD BE RETURNING HOME VIA SAUDI ARABIA WHERE HE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN OIL TALKS ON BEHALF OF KENYA.

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3. THIS MISSION SETS OUT AMID CONTINUED WIDESPREAD
LOCAL CONVICTION THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH BACKED
ARAB CAUSE DURING AND SINCE OCTOBER MIDEAST WAR SHOULD
PUSH FOR SPECIAL OIL DEALS OF SOME KIND THAT
WOULD OFFSET OTHERWISE SERIOUS IMPACT ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT
AND FINANCES FROM CURRENT ARAB OIL POLICIES ON PRODUCTION
AND PRICING.
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